

on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 10, 1998, at 2 p.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 10, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing on the topic of "The Safety of Food Imports: Fraud and Deception In the Food Import Process."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO HANNIBAL-LAGRANGE COLLEGE

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri. On September 15, 1998, the Hannibal-LaGrange College will celebrate its 140th anniversary. This is especially significant considering the college's first seventy years were spent in LaGrange and the second seventy have been spent in Hannibal.

Hannibal-LaGrange College offers an excellent liberal arts education and throughout the years has grown, not only in number, but in opportunities available for students. Today the college offers more than thirty areas of study, night programs for working adults, eight intercollegiate sports teams and four traveling performance groups.

I commend Hannibal-LaGrange College staff and students for their dedication and perseverance throughout the college's many years of existence and hope they continue to enrich the Hannibal community for years to come.●

THE SECOND ANNUAL CHICAGO FOOTBALL CLASSIC

• Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes today to bring to the attention of the Senate an event that will take place this weekend in my hometown of Chicago. That event, the Second Annual Chicago Football Classic, celebrates the rich academic, cultural and athletic tradition of historically Black colleges and universities.

The Chicago Football Classic will take place this year at Chicago's Soldier Field on Saturday, September 12, 1998. This year's competition pits Alcorn State University against Virginia State University in what promises to be an exciting and hard-fought gridiron battle.

Although the football game is the centerpiece of the event, the Chicago

Football Classic is about so much more. Begun last year, the Chicago Football Classic was created by Chicago area businessmen to spread the word within the African-American community about the tremendous opportunities available at historically Black colleges and universities. Aside from the game, the Classic features a spectacular halftime battle of the bands; a luncheon honoring Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr. and Dr. Eddie N. Moore, presidents of Alcorn State University and Virginia State University, respectively; and a parade in historic Grant Park featuring the Virginia State Marching Marauders and the Alcorn State Sounds of Dynamite.

Mr. President, I am sure that the members of this body are well aware of the proud legacy and stunning achievements of our nation's historically Black colleges. Nonetheless, I would be remiss if in talking about the Chicago Football Classic, I failed to mention that our nation's historically Black colleges and universities have promoted academic excellence for over 130 years. Although they represent only 3 percent of all U.S. institutions of higher learning, historically Black colleges and universities graduate fully 33 percent of all African-Americans with bachelor's degrees and 43 percent of all African-Americans who go on to earn their Ph.D.'s.

As so eloquently stated in Fisk University's original charter, historically Black colleges and universities have measured themselves "by the highest standards, not of Negro education, but of American education at its best."

Throughout their history, historically Black colleges and universities have produced some of our nation's most distinguished leaders, including the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and several current U.S. Representatives. These institutions have distinguished themselves in the field of higher education over the years by maintaining the highest academic standards while increasing educational opportunities for economically and socially disadvantaged Americans, including tens of thousands of African-Americans.

In Virginia State University and Alcorn State University, the Chicago Football has chosen two exceptional universities to participate in this year's festivities. Alcorn State, located in Loman, Mississippi, arose from the ashes of the Civil War in 1871 with eight faculty members and 179 mostly male local students. Today, Alcorn State has grown to a population of 3,000 students from all over the world and 500 faculty and staff members. Virginia State University was founded in 1882 in Petersburg, Virginia with 126 students and seven faculty members. One hundred years later in 1982, the University was fully integrated, with a student body of nearly 5,000 and a full-time faculty of about 250.

Mr. President, both of these schools have a historical connection to the

United States Congress. The first president of Virginia State, John Mercer Langston, was the only African-American ever elected to the United States Congress from Virginia until the election of Congressman Robert Scott in 1992. Former Senator Hiram Revels of Mississippi, the first African-American elected to the United States Senate, resigned his seat in this body to become the first president of Alcorn State.

Certainly, in mentioning these few facts about Alcorn State and Virginia State Universities, I have only scratched the surface of the proud history, academic excellence, and abundant opportunities that historically Black colleges and universities have to offer.

I salute the organizers, participants, and fans of the Chicago Football Classic for coming together to celebrate historically Black colleges and universities. In the words of Tim Rand, the Executive Director of the Chicago Football Classic: "It offers young people an opportunity to witness the rich cultural heritage of Black colleges and universities." I am proud that Chicago has been chosen as the venue for this important and exciting event.

In closing, I would like to welcome the students, athletes, fans and alumni of Virginia State and Alcorn State to Illinois, and wish both teams good luck in Saturday's game. I know my colleagues here in the Senate join me in my praise of the Chicago Football Classic and in my gratitude and respect for our nation's historically Black colleges and universities.●

TRIBUTE TO LEROY "LEE" LOCHMANN

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Leroy "Lee" Lochmann, the recently retired President and CEO of ConAgra's Refrigerated Foods Companies. Over a forty-five-year career in the meat and poultry industry, Lee's leadership skills have made him a pioneer in the food business.

In 1953, Lee joined Swift and Company directly out of high school, working on the line in an East St. Louis meat packing plant. From these early years, Lee moved through numerous management positions, finally ascending to key executive ranks. He ultimately became President of Swift and Company, the first of many—and increasingly large—meat and poultry companies that Lee would eventually run.

In addition, along the way, Lee accumulated two university degrees and served his country in the military for three years.

Lee's hardworking beginnings have given him a unique perspective as a food industry leader and have allowed him to effectively manage his employees, from the most junior line worker to the most senior corporate manager.